

Amendment No. 1 to SB0726

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 726*

House Bill No. 1495

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, 63-31-101(9)(A), is amended by deleting the language "Practice of polysomnography" means the staging and scoring of sleep by performing any of the following tasks, under the general supervision of a licensed physician:" and by substituting instead the following:

(9)(A) "Practice of polysomnography" means the staging and scoring of sleep by continuous and simultaneous monitoring of the stages of sleep and wake through use of an electroencephalogram (EEG), an electroculogram (EOG), and a submental electromyogram (EMG), in conjunction with the recording and monitoring of other physiological variables, and the assignment of values for duration, frequency, and type of event to each stage of sleep in which the event occurred. The following tasks are considered a part of the practice of polysomnography only when performed as part of the staging and scoring of sleep under the general supervision of a licensed physician:

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, 63-31-107(a)(5), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a)(5) Respiratory therapists who provide polysomnography services shall be credentialed as registered polysomnographic technologists by the board of polysomnographic technologists, or as sleep disorders specialists by the national board for respiratory care, or have undergone a standardized, uniform mechanism to document competency in polysomnography as independently approved by the Tennessee board of respiratory care and the Tennessee board of medical examiners with documentation of passage of such mechanism made

available at the request of the board of respiratory care. The Tennessee board of respiratory care shall consult with the Tennessee board of medical examiners in the development of such mechanism. Respiratory therapists are not required to have a second license as a polysomnographic technologist.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.